

## **Congregation Rodef Sholom**

### **Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board Regrant Program**

#### **Interim Report**

Congregation Rodef Sholom's project, "Improving the Organization, Preservation, and Accessibility of the Congregation Rodef Sholom Archives" has been underway throughout the summer and we anticipate being nearly 50% complete with the project outlined in our proposal by this report, which includes organizing our collections into proper storage for their preservation and developing a finding aid for completed series to share with the public. We have ordered the majority of the items outlined in our proposed budget (folders, document boxes, map/blueprint boxes, storage cartons, window film, etc.) which have been received, and are waiting until further into the project to see what supplies are needed to be supplemented for completion.

Our student intern, Hannah Klacik of the YSU History Program, was hired in early June for the project and has accumulated 120 hours thus far. She assisted our neighboring congregations with inventorying their records during the inter-congregational collaboration, has organized several series of records within our collection, and has started a finding aid. We have also accumulated nearly 50 hours of work processed by various volunteers. Thus far we have been able to organize several series in our collection, including Sisterhood and Brotherhood records, Youngstown City School integration records, some cemetery records, building dedication and anniversary ceremonies, and the papers of Rabbi Philo and Rabbi Berkowitz.

Publicity on the project has been ongoing since January, and news of the grant award has been shared with our congregation via our monthly bulletin, and with the public through our Facebook page and website, YSU News, and [Mahoning Matters](#). We will also be presenting a session at the upcoming Ohio Local History Alliance/Society of Ohio Archivists virtual conference focused on the project.